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Populace contributions: This newsletter depends on contributions from the populace of Dragonsspine for much of its content. We are proud to run several regular features, but these depend entirely on the contributions of populace members. We encourage all members of the populace to contribute features, articles, cover art and other creative works for inclusion in future issues of the Meiassis Dragon. Please direct these content submissions to chronicler@dragonsspine.org and be sure to include a completed Grant of Use form (see <http://sca.org/docs/library.html#releaseforms>).

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Heavy Guard:

Lord Broddi hornabryótr, Captain

Lord Sixtus Goetz

Lord Wilhelm Meis

Master Thorsinn Vandringsmann

Collin

Rapier Guard:

Don Trevor MacRae, Captain

Doña Alexandria Morgan

Lord Anton du Vallier

Lord Conall Mac an Druaidh

Archery Guard:

Countess Eóránn O'Connor, Captain

THL Lêofsige Õ Caoimh (aka Lyssa)

Sander von Zeitz

Ladies-in-Waiting:

Lady Zaahira de la Sara, Head Lady in Waiting

Amicia de Braci

Sofie von Schönburg

Baroness's Companions:

Duchess Cainnleach Uliseir of Glendalough

Mistress Mary of Lyonshall

Court Herald:

THL Kiara Loftus

Baronial Champions

Warlord: Count Giovanni di Sienna

Defender: Don Trevor MacRae

A&S Champion: Mistress Lydia of the Pines

Ranger: Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

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Please notify the Chronicler of corrections/changes to this list at: chronicler@dragonsspine.org.

May Calendar

May 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Fight Practice A&S Night 6-9P Bear Creek Park	3	4
5 Archery Practice 2-4 PM Sir Ton's Fields Black Forest Fight Practice 2-5 PM Wood-stone Park	6 Populace Meeting 7-9 PM Penrose Library Carnegie Room	7	8 Dance Practice 6:30-8:30P Co Springs City Auditorium	9 Fight Practice A&S Night 6-9P Bear Creek Park	10	11 Coronation Hinterland (Scottsbluff, NE) 👑 🏰
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Local events/activities

Events outside the barony

👑 Outlands Royal presence

🏰 Dragonsspine Baronial presence

Upcoming Events

We Are the Champions

We are the champions, my friend, but unfortunately the Barony of Dragonsspine must choose just one Warlord, one Ranger and one Defender. Come and see the spectacle of mighty warriors competing fiercely for the Prize; there can be only One . . . or come for the A&S classes where there can be as many as the pavilion will hold. If more than four children between the ages five and fourteen register by June 1st, there will also be a children's quest.

Saturday, June 8th, 2013
Bear Creek Park
21st Street and Argus Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Site opens: 9:00 AM
Site fees: \$5/Adult

We must be off site by: 6:00 PM

Age 0-6 - FREE

Lunch is included

\$5.00 non-member surcharge

Make checks payable to:

SCA-Barony of Dragonsspine

Autocrats: Cullain mac Bryde (mka: Jonathon Stevens)
and Bronwen of Hindscroft (mka Jenni Drury)

Send reservations & correspondence to:

SCA Dragonsspine, P.O. Box 374

Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Phone: (719) 375 -1713

E-mail: thekingsauldewolf@yahoo.com

Directions: From I-25, take exit 141/Cimarron. Turn west onto Cimarron, continue to 21st Street. Turn left on 21st St. Continue south to Argus Street, turn right (west) on Argus. Entrance for the event site will be on the left (south) just past the tennis courts. There is limited parking near the archery range and additional parking across the street, next to the pavilion and playground.

Words from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto our fair populace!

Spring is approaching... slowly but surely! Don't forget we will be switching fighter practices to Bear Creek Park on 2 May. At that first practice, we will also hold order meetings for the Orders of the Dragon's Scales and Dragon's Blood. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you to everyone who attended Feast of Fools. We enjoyed your company and hilarity. And we send a hearty congratulation to our newest King of Misrule Elric Thurstonsen of Dragonskeep.

We were so please by the many people that participated in Kingdom Arts and Sciences! We had many Dragonsspinians win their division at A&S including:

THL Ailhdcinna mac Ailpean for Painted and Visual Arts

THL Bronwen of Hindscroft for Fiber Arts

Lady Asenath de Winter for Glass and for Metal Working

Also, congratulations to Lord Wilhelm Meis and Lady Asenath de Winter for receiving each an Argent Heart and to THL Bronwen of Hindscroft for receiving her Flower of the Outlands! Well deserved all!

Do not forget, Coronation is approaching! Please come with us to the Shire of Hinterland to welcome our new Crown, Boleslav and Astridr, and support Their Majesties Garick and Yasamin as they step down.

We are proud of everyone's achievements and look forward to seeing everyone soon at practices and events!

In Service to the Stag Throne,
Herbert & Keterlyn
Baron & Baroness of Dragonsspine

Words from the Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Dragonsspine!

Now that my bid for the office of Baronial Chronicler has been accepted, I look forward to publishing the words of our Coronet and our officers on a regular basis. Thank you all for this opportunity to serve our great barony!

Please note that your *Meiassis Dragon* staff is also transitioning to a new format, featuring a full-fledged newsletter published quarterly, with monthly interim issues as needed to ensure that information is disseminated in a timely manner. I look forward to putting out a newsletter of commensurate quality to the greatness of our barony, but such a task recalls the old adage, "it takes a barony..."

At this time, I would like to call upon the populace to support our barony through submitting content, such as brief research articles, how-to's, period or SCA-specific recipes, or original artwork, on either a one-time or quarterly basis. Please remember to include a completed release form with your submission. These are easy to fill out, and I will be happy to help you if needed. The forms may be downloaded from:

<http://sca.org/docs/library.html> – listed under Publications > Release Forms

In Service to the Dream,
Herr Wilhelm Meis
Dragonsspine Chronicler

Report from Scalene Pursuivant

Greetings, All, this fine day in April!

The Scalene heraldic staff now includes:

- ◆ THL Kiara Loftus as the Court Voice.
- ◆ Lord Alric Godwynson has volunteered as a Field Herald or anywhere he may function for announcements, pronouncements, or wherever his talents are particularly of use.
- ◆ Wilhelm Meis is the current deputy for the office with knowledge of heraldry in general. He and Lord Alric will help and/or fill in for me during consultations or when I can not attend.
- ◆ Beatrix Elizabeth Pembroke is an apprentice. She is learning the function of book heraldry and the submission process. She has also offered to assist folk in coloring their devices.



Congratulations Sander von Zeitz and Sopie von Schonenburg! Your names were officially registered in the College of Heraldry and are reserved for your unique use.

As this is the first information from the Herald's office for this year, I will provide a list of items I have received, and their current (as of April 10th) status. Please ask me if you do not see your name/device/badge.

#	ITEM	MONTH SUBMITTED	CURRENT STATUS
1	Name: Malina of Mousehole	November	Being Decided
2	Device: Seamus O Mourane	November	Being Decided
3	Name: Gerald Beckett	December	Final Commentary
4	Name: Veronica Olimpia Francesco	December	Final Commentary
5	Badge: Selene of the Sky	December	Returned for Redraw
6	Redraw: Sophie von Schonenburg	December	Final Commentary
7	Redraw: Sander von Zeitz	December	Returned for Redraw
8	Name: Adelasia Bernoe	January	Final Commentary
9	Device: Adelasia Bernoe	January	Returned for Redraw
10	Device: Gerald Beckett	January	Returned for Redraw
11	Name: Alric Godwynson	January	First Commentary
12	Device: Alric Godwynson	January	First Commentary
13	Name: Elizabeth of Saint Edmundsbury	January	First Commentary
14	Name: Beatrix of Ambleside	February	First Commentary
15	Name: Isabella Maria Francesco	February	First Commentary
16	Name: Asenath de Winter	February	First Commentary
17	Device: Asenath de Winter	February	First Commentary
18	Redraw: Laurentz von Rothenstein	February	First Commentary
19	Device: Elizabeth of Saint Edmundsbury	March	First Commentary
20	Name: Trevor MacRae	March	First Commentary
21	Device: Trevor MacRae	March	First Commentary
22	Name: Aedicina nic Elpin	March	First Commentary
23	Device: Aedicina nic Elpin	March	First Commentary
24	Badge: Aedicina nic Elpin	March	First Commentary

There are four levels of heralds in the quickest chain of events, which can lead to 5 or 6 months processing time before you will see a final notice that your submission has passed and is YOURS to use. There was a recent change of personnel (two levels above the baronial level), which has led to a short delay. I will continue tracking items as shown in the table above, and it will be available on most Thursdays for you to check if you like. Unless there are requests that this table be included in every report, I will only publish those items that were submitted in the most recent heraldic submissions packet.

Please see me with any heraldry questions in person or via e-mail (herald@dragonsspine.org).

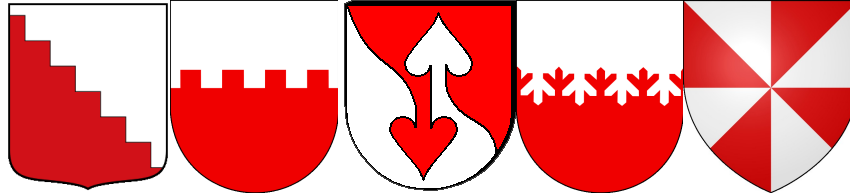
In service,
Selene of the Sky
Scalene Pursuivant



Nobody Parties Like Heralds!

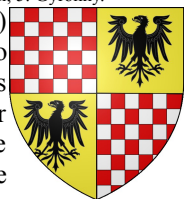
By Wilhelm Meis

Do heralds have parties? Why, heralds have more parties than anyone! They have party per pale, party per fess, party per chevron, party per bend, party per counterbend, quarterly and tierced! If those last two don't sound like much of a party, they're more party than any of those others! The term *party* in heraldry means that the field is bisected (i.e. divided into two roughly equal halves) in the direction indicated, the two halves being different tinctures. You might remember some of those other terms in reference to some of the so-called *ordinaries* (see “What is an Ordinary?” in the September 2012 *MD*). These lines can also be given a particular shape as well as a direction, such as “party per bend *engrailed*,” or “party per fess *embattled*.” This means that the line of partition follows the pattern indicated. In the case of “party per bend engrailed,” the dividing line between the two halves runs diagonally from dexter chief to sinister base (i.e. from upper left to lower right), following a scalloped line. In the case of “party per fess embattled,” the dividing line crosses the center of the shield, dividing the field into upper and lower halves, along a line of square zigzags like the battlements of a castle wall.



From left: 1. Party per bend indented; 2. Party per fess embattled; 3. *Im Lindenblattschnitt* (per linden leaf); 4. Party per fess per fir twig section; 5. Gyronny.

Quarterly means that the field is divided into four equal quarters, which may be per saltire (X shaped) though it is presumed to be per cross († shaped) unless otherwise specified. Tierced means divided into three equal parts, usually along a curved line like a parted pair of curtains, though some regional customs divide the field per chevron into a bottom third, the top two thirds further parted per pale (vertically). For those who like to rock and roll all night and party every day, there are also gyronny and chequy, but these are not for beginners. Gyronny divides the field into eighths along lines radiating from the center of the field, like the blades of a windmill. Chequy, as you may have guessed, divides the whole field into squares of alternating tinctures, usually about eight equal parts of each color. I know one fellow who parts his coat quarterly, with two of the quarters chequy. The result is quite festive, and it shows he likes to party all night – every time he needs to paint a new shield or sew a new surcoat!



Im Kleeblattschnitt
(reg. ca. 1901)

A field can also be parted along any complex line that occurs in heraldry. For instance, modern Finnish heralds have registered coats parted per fir twig, in which case the dividing line is contorted into the figure of interlocking fir twigs (pictured above). But is there any historical precedent for this? As a matter of fact, German heraldry shows “*im Lindenblatt-schnitt*” (parted per linden leaf), which resembles the spades in a deck of cards, each of alternating colors, encroaching into the field of opposite color (pictured above). I have never seen evidence that this occurs in actual heraldry earlier than 1901, and the date of this idea's theoretical conception by heralds is unknown to me, but what a great way to party! Do heralds know how to party or what?

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This month in medieval history:

- April 18, 1025: Boleslav I crowned first King of Poland, elevating Poland from duchy to kingdom status.
- April 13, 1111: Henricus V crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Paschal II at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- April 6, 1199: King Richard “the Lionheart” of England died of an infection from an arrow wound in his shoulder.
- April 13, 1204: Fall of Constantinople sealed the Great Schism between Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches.
- April 7, 1348: Charles University (*Universitas Carolina Pragensis*) founded by Emperor Carolus IV in Prague.
- April 9, 1388: Swiss triumphed over the Habsburgs at the Battle of Näfels, despite being outnumbered 16 to 1.
- April 15, 1450: Hundred Years' War: English army nearly annihilated by French forces in the Battle of Formigny.
- April 21, 1509: Henry VIII ascended to the throne of England upon the death of his father, Henry VII.
- April 23, 1516: Duke Wilhelm IV of Bavaria signed *Reinheitsgebot* beer purity order into law in Ingolstadt.
- April 22, 1519: Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés established a settlement at Veracruz in New Spain (now Mexico).
- April 16, 1521: Martin Luther first appeared before the Diet of Worms, refusing to recant his controversial writings.
- April 27, 1521: Ferdinand Magellan killed in the Battle of Mactan at Cebu, in what would become the Philippine Islands.
- April 6, 1580: One of the strongest earthquakes in the history of England, France and Flanders struck Dover Straits.
- April 4, 1581: Sir Francis Drake knighted for circumnavigating the globe (first achieved by Magellan's crew Sept. 1522).
- April 9, 1585: Sir Walter Raleigh's expedition departed England to establish Roanoke Colony in the New World.